

CITY OF MARION – REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion held in the Council Chambers of the Marion City Hall November 25, 2013. Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The City Clerk was instructed to call the roll and the response was as follows:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS RIX, RINELLA, GOSS, AND PATTON AND MAYOR BUTLER.

ABSENT: NONE

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2013 were approved as presented.

Public Comments: Allison Foster, a local landlord, brought before the Council a problem of break-ins and vandalism in the South Bentley Street, Duncan Street, Aikman and Walnut Street areas. The problem is causing some of her good tenants to want to move out, and making other of her properties hard to rent. Mayor Butler told her it takes a combined effort between Police Department and residents. Mayor Butler suggested that Police Commissioner Rix and Chief of Police Eibeck and possibly two or three of the residents could meet to work out a program of Neighborhood Watch. Sargeant Hightower will meet with Chief Eibeck and Mrs. Foster and any of the tenants who wish to attend the meeting, to hopefully promote a better understanding between the Police and the tenants of that area.

ORDINANCE 3140 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF MARION, ILLINOIS FY 2013. Commissioner Rix made a motion to approve Ordinance 3140, an ordinance providing for the levy of taxes for the City of Marion for the FY 2013 in the amount of \$1,378,700.00. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler mentioned he had received a letter from the Park District. Jay Schafer had told Mayor Butler that the letter should not have been written. The City is keeping the football and tennis programs for now. Mayor said not so sure that is in best interest of the people. This year the City can use the funds for expenses on the new Recreational Center. Commissioner Rinella said since the City does not have a football field or tennis courts, he thinks the City should pass those programs on to the Park District. Commissioner Rinella said the Bed Tax was raised to help with the funds for the Recreation Center.

Commissioner Goss presented the bids for the State Street/Red Row Intersection improvements. Ferguson contracting bid \$79,583.76, George Jones Excavating bid \$102,272.00, Samron Midwest Contractors bid \$114,534.29 and E. T. Simonds bid \$82,616.96. Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept the bid of Ferguson Contracting at \$79,583.76. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

A change order on the State Street/Red Row intersection called for one hundred feet of concrete instead of asphalt adding an additional cost to the project of \$7,800.00. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

RESOLUTION 2013-38 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL MFT FUNDS UP TO \$82,000.00 TO COVER ENGINEERING COSTS FOR RUSSELL STREET PROJECT FROM SCOTTSBORO ROAD TO DUFOUR.. Commissioner Goss made a motion to accept Resolution 2013-38 as presented. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve an Engineering Agreement between Clarida and Ziegler Engineering and the City of Marion for the engineering work on North Russell Street from DuFour Street on the south to Scottsboro Road on the north. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Approval of the Harris Computer Systems annual contract for the Water Department was tabled.

Commissioner Rinella stated he thought the new Christmas lights around the Square were beautiful, but he felt the City should put lights on the outline of the City Hall and also the Civic Center. Also he thought the front of the City Hall needed a couple of wreaths similar to the one on the Civic Center possibly to spend up to an additional \$2,000.00. Commissioner Rinella made that motion with Commissioner Goss seconding the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Ordinance 3141 – Approval of an Ordinance to vacate an alley running west from the west R.O.W. line of N. Bentley Street to the east R.O.W. line of North Hamlet Street was tabled.

911 Coordinator William Barrett explained to the Council that the County does aerial flights every three or four years. The County asked the City of Marion if they would like to have aerial photographs of the city. This photos would give clarity that we don't have at this time. \$10,000.00 is the projected cost of the City's part. William was asking for approval to go ahead with the project. Commissioner Goss made a motion to approve the project subject to final price. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

911 Coordinator William Barrett also asked for approval to purchase a wide format printer for the 911 Department. The money is available in the 911 fund. The lease agreement would be \$164.64 a month. Also, the Water Plant is asking for a copier so they can fax reports directly to the water office. The monthly lease for the Water Plant copier would be \$48.00 a month. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the leasing of both copiers. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

IT Director Terance Henry announced the City has received a check from Gibbs Technology in the Amount of \$2,825.00 for the copiers from the Library that Ricoh bought out.

Mayor Butler read a letter from Senior Citizens Center Director Letina Poole asking for appointment of Gilbert Craig to the Senior Citizens Center Board to replace Don Henard, who is moving to Clinton, Illinois and will become an Emeritus Member. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve the appointment of Gilbert Craig to the Senior Citizens Center Board. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA

Discussion of the sale of property on Osage Drive was moved to the Executive Session.

Commissioner Rix wanted to ask the Council to be thinking about installing four-way stop signs at the intersection of Otis and Carter Streets.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve and pay the Consent Agenda dated November 25, 2013 as funds become available. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve payment of the monthly bills as funds become available. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

8:20 P.M.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an Insurance matter and a Real Estate Matter. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

9:00 P.M.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to close the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Goss made a motion to sell the two acres of property on Osage Drive out by the Mall subject to getting a legal description. Steve Green will get with Clarida and Ziegler. Commissioner Rinella seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED NO AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to accept Jon Cavaness's proposal on the City Employee Insurance. Commissioner Rix seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Mayor Butler announced the Ordinances for the Bond Issue and the Ordinance for the Kennel rezoning will be on the December 9, 2013 Agenda.

ORDINANCE 3134 APROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3128 REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS. Commissioner Rinella made a motion to approve Ordinance 3134 as presented. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

Commissioner Rix made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE COMMISSIONER RIX VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER RINELLA VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER GOSS VOTED YEA, COMMISSIONER PATTON VOTED YEA AND MAYOR BUTLER VOTED YEA.

9:30 P.M.



Robert L. Butler Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk